

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2006. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the allowance of claim 25 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 28, 31, 32, 34 and 40-46.

By the present Amendment, claim 16 has been amended to correctly depend on claim 15, rather than being dependent upon itself. Therefore, removal of the 35 USC §112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 16 and its dependent claims 18 and 21 is respectfully requested.

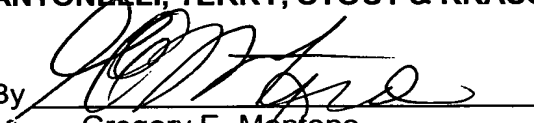
Also by the present amendment, the claims 1-5, 24, 26, 27, 38 and 39 have been canceled without prejudice to the applicants right to proceed with the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application. In addition, various ones of the claims indicated as containing allowable subject matter have been re-written into independent form to place them in condition for allowance. With regard to this, it is noted that claim 3 has been canceled and been replaced with new claim 47 which incorporates the subject matter of claim 1, 2, 3, and 4. Claim 5 has also been canceled and replaced with new claim 48 which includes the limitations of claims 1-5. Also, minor informalities have been corrected in the claims where noted. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining claims in the application are either independent claims drafted to incorporate the subject matter of

their parent claims to place them in condition for allowance (in light of the Examiner's indication of Allowable subject matter) or dependent claims which are dependent upon such re-written claims. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.43011X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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